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LAUNCESTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year of

1955



Health Area Office,  
LAUNCESTON.  
Cornwall.

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Medical Officer of Health



# SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS:

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Area (in acres)                    | 73,187       |
| Population                         | 6,450        |
| No. of separate dwellings occupied | 2,064        |
| Rateable value 1954                | £26,906      |
| Product of 1d rate                 | £108 - 9.844 |

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Rate per 1,000 estimated population:</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Legitimate         | 82           | 37          | 45            | 13.49                                       |
| Illegitimate       | 5            | 2           | 3             |                                             |

Stillbirths N I L

|                               |    |    |    |       |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| <u>Deaths</u><br>(all causes) | 79 | 46 | 33 | 12.24 |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|

|                               |   |       |
|-------------------------------|---|-------|
| Deaths from Puerperal Causes: | } | N I L |
| Puerperal & post abortive     |   |       |
| Sepsis                        |   |       |
| Other Puerperal Causes        |   |       |

Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births)

1 Male Rate: 11.5

|                               | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages) | 3           | 7             | 10           |
| Measles (all ages)            |             | N I L         |              |
| Whooping Cough (all ages)     |             | N I L         |              |
| Diarrhoea (under 2 years)     |             | N I L         |              |

LAUNCESTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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                                  Stratton Rural District Council  
                                  Camelford Rural District Council

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School Medical Officer - Cornwall County Council

SANITARY INSPECTOR:

T.A. JUDD, M.S.I.A.

Health Area Office,  
LAUNCESTON.

To: The Chairman and Councillors of the  
Launceston Rural District:

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District for the year 1955.

The health of the people of the district, as far as can be judged by vital statistics, remains satisfactory. Once again, heart disease in various forms was the main cause of death. One infant death was recorded.

The incidence of infectious disease remained low.

The difficulty with regard to meat inspection continued, and is referred to further in the report.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr T.A. Judd, the Council's Sanitary Inspector for his valuable assistance in all the aspects of our work together and in the preparation of this report. I have continued to receive every co-operation from the General Medical Practitioners of the district to whom my thanks are due.

Finally, I should like to express my appreciation of the help and encouragement I have received from the members of the Council, and in particular from the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM PATERSON

Medical Officer of Health

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area (in acres) 73,187. The district is essentially agricultural, the only industry not connected with agriculture being the New Consols tin and wolfram mine at Luckett and another smaller mineral working in Altarnun Parish.

Population - The Registrar General has estimated the population for the mid-year 1955 to be 6,450, a decrease of 30 in the population for the previous year. The "natural increase" in the population is the excess of births over deaths. In 1955 there were 8 more births than deaths.

It is important that too much weight should not be attached to small variations in these rates from one year to the other, particularly where relatively small populations are involved - attention should rather be paid to the trend of these rates over a period of years.

Deaths - The total number of deaths assigned to the district for the year was 79 compared with 54 in 1954. The crude death rate based on the mid-year population was 12.24 compared with 8.33 in the previous year. The following table has been compiled for comparison with previous years:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Recorded Rate</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1951        | 99           | 53          | 46            | 15.37                |
| 1952        | 85           | 44          | 41            | 13.13                |
| 1953        | 76           | 43          | 33            | 11.70                |
| 1954        | 54           | 30          | 24            | 8.33                 |
| 1955        | 79           | 46          | 33            | 12.24                |

In order to compare the mortality in the district with the mortality for England and Wales, it is necessary to make a correction to allow for the difference in age and sex distribution of the two populations. This is done by applying to the crude death rate of the District an "Area Comparability Factor" which has been estimated by the Registrar General as .81 for the District.

The Standardised Death Rate, therefore, is 9.91 which may be compared with that of 11.7 for England and Wales.

Births - The number of live births assigned to this District was 87 compared with 113 in 1954. The rate per thousand of the population was 13.49. When the Registrar General's area Comparability Factor for births 1.13 is applied to this figure, the Standardised Birth Rate of 15.24 for this District compares with 15 for England and Wales.

Stillbirths - The number of stillbirths during 1955 was N I L.

Illegitimate Births - There were 5 illegitimate births assigned to the District during the year. Shown as a proportion of the total number of live births, this represents 5.74 per cent.

Infant Mortality - The number of infants who died before reaching their first birthday was 1 giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 11.5. This figure compares with 24.9 for England and Wales per thousand related live births.

The cause of death in this case, which occurred at the age of 3 days, was birth injury.

MORTALITY TABLE

Classified in accordance with 36 headings based  
on the Abbreviated List of the International  
Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries  
and Causes of Death 1948

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| <u>Cause of Death</u> |                                         | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.                    | Tuberculosis, respiratory               | -           | -             | -            |
| 2.                    | Tuberculosis, other                     | -           | -             | -            |
| 3.                    | Syphilitic disease                      | -           | -             | -            |
| 4.                    | Diphtheria                              | -           | -             | -            |
| 5.                    | Whooping Cough                          | -           | -             | -            |
| 6.                    | Meningococcal infections                | -           | -             | -            |
| 7.                    | Acute Poliomyelitis                     | -           | -             | -            |
| 8.                    | Measles                                 | -           | -             | -            |
| 9.                    | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | -           | -             | -            |
| 10.                   | Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | -           | -             | -            |
| 11.                   | Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | -           | -             | -            |
| 12.                   | Malignant neoplasm, breast              | -           | 4             | 4            |
| 13.                   | Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | -           | -             | -            |
| 14.                   | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 3           | 3             | 6            |
| 15.                   | Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | -           | -             | -            |
| 16.                   | Diabetes                                | -           | -             | -            |
| 17.                   | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | 12          | 6             | 18           |
| 18.                   | Coronary disease, angina                | 6           | 3             | 9            |
| 19.                   | Hypertension with heart disease         | 2           | 3             | 5            |
| 20.                   | Other heart disease                     | 8           | 7             | 15           |
| 21.                   | Other circulatory diseases              | 2           | 1             | 3            |
| 22.                   | Influenza                               | -           | -             | -            |
| 23.                   | Pneumonia                               | 1           | 1             | 2            |
| 24.                   | Bronchitis                              | 2           | -             | 2            |
| 25.                   | Other diseases of respiratory system    | -           | -             | -            |
| 26.                   | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | -           | -             | -            |
| 27.                   | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | -           | -             | -            |
| 28.                   | Nephritis and nephrosis                 | 1           | 1             | 2            |
| 29.                   | Hyperplasia of prostate                 | 1           | -             | 1            |
| 30.                   | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | -           | -             | -            |
| 31.                   | Congenital malformations                | -           | -             | -            |
| 32.                   | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | 7           | 2             | 9            |
| 33.                   | Motor vehicle accidents                 | -           | -             | -            |
| 34.                   | All other accidents                     | 1           | -             | 1            |
| 35.                   | Suicide                                 | -           | 2             | 2            |
| 36.                   | Homicide and operations of war          | -           | -             | -            |
|                       |                                         | 46          | 33            | 79           |

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

### General Medical Services

General medical services under Part IV of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are provided by medical practitioners resident in the district and in adjoining districts, all of whom undertake maternity medical services.

### County Council Services

- I Health Department. The County Council is the local health authority for the purposes of Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946 and provides the following services in the district:-
- (a) Midwifery and Home Nursing. Nurse-midwives are provided to attend general nursing and midwifery cases in the home.
  - (b) Health Visiting. The nurse midwives act also as health visitors and, with special training in the care of the mother and young child, are available to give advice on health matters in the home or at the clinic. They act also as school nurses.
  - (c) Infant Welfare Centre. A fortnightly Infant Welfare Clinic is held at the Health Clinic, Launceston.
  - (d) Dental Clinic. Priority dental treatment for expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children is available at the Dental Clinic at the Health Clinic, Launceston.
  - (e) Vaccination and Immunisation. Facilities for vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are provided at the Infant Welfare Clinic or by the supply of materials to the family doctor.
  - (f) Home Help Service. Home helps are employed to provide domestic help for households in certain circumstances, a charge being made for this service according to the means of the person concerned.
  - (g) Ambulance Service. A service of ambulances for the conveyance of sick, accident and emergency cases is provided. For sitting cases, utilicon sitting case vehicles are used. When appropriate, some such cases are carried by the Hospital Car Service, a voluntary organisation. Day-to-day administration of the service is carried out from the Health Area Office, Launceston.
  - (h) Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care. A full-time tuberculosis health visitor is provided for the care and after-care of tuberculosis persons. District nurses are available to assist in the treatment of such persons when required by the Chest Physician or family doctor. Certain special investigations are carried out in other types of illness by district health visitors, while health education is carried out by the County's Medical and Nursing staff.

(g) Mental Health. The County Council has certain responsibilities in connection with the ascertainment of mental ill-health and mental deficiency, with the provision of statutory supervision, etc. for mental defectives living in the community, and with the provision of after-care following treatment for mental illness. The Duly Authorised Officer for the district works from the Health Area Office, Launceston.

II Education Department. As local education authority, the County Council is responsible for the School Health Service, which provides the following:-

Periodic Medical Inspection of pupils.

Cleanliness Surveys of pupils.

Dental Inspection and treatment of pupils.

Ascertainment of handicapped pupils in need of special education.

Treatment Clinics, Health Clinic Launceston:-

Dental Clinic by appointment, except Wednesday or Thursday

Speech Therapy each Friday afternoon.

Child Guidance, by arrangement at Plymouth Child Guidance Clinic.

III Welfare Department. This service is concerned with the welfare of the aged, and with that of various categories of handicapped persons. It is concerned also with the provision of temporary accommodation in certain circumstances for persons in urgent need thereof. The Welfare Officer for the district works from the Health Area Office, Launceston.

Hospital Services. The South Western Regional Hospital Board is the hospital authority for the area.

Launceston Hospital provides in-patient and out-patient facilities in the district. Patients are referred also to hospitals in Plymouth and elsewhere. Cases of infectious disease are admitted to the Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, and tuberculosis patients to Didworthy or Tehidy Sanatoria. Mental hospital accommodation is provided by St. Lawrence's Hospital and Laninval House, Bodmin, and Moorfields Hospital, Ivybridge, Devon.

An Orthopaedic Clinic is held weekly at the Health Clinic, Launceston and a Physiotherapy Clinic at Tavistock Hospital. The Chest Clinic is held at Launceston Hospital. An Ophthalmic Clinic for school and pre-school children is held periodically at the Launceston Health Clinic. A specialist Ante-natal clinic is held at the Launceston Health Clinic each week.

Laboratory Facilities. These are provided by the Public Health Laboratory, Plymouth to which specimens for bacteriological examination are sent.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLIES

1. North Hill Village. This scheme which takes water from the South East Cornwall Water Board mains to a small service reservoir of 6,000 gallons and thence by gravity to the village was completed. The scheme supplies 30 domestic consumers and the School. As the village had been sewered it has now been possible to replace the pail closets with flushed water closets.
2. Downgate. The existing piped supply to Holmbush was extended to Lower Downgate and 29 consumers have now been supplied with piped water.
3. Central Area Scheme. Preliminary work on the preparation of the Central Area Scheme which will obtain water from two Bore Holes near Tregadillett has started. This scheme is being designed to serve the following villages: South Petherwin and Dawc's House, Tregadillett, Langore, Egloskerry.

SEWERAGE

The working drawings for the Altarnun and Five Lanes Sewerage Scheme were completed.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council does not employ a rodent operator. No major infestation by rats is known and where minor infestations are met with, full instructions are issued to the owners of property on the methods to be adopted for destroying the rats. It has not been necessary to serve a Statutory Notice under the Act.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

The number licensed under the Public Health Act 1936 is 10 and all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The collection is monthly from all villages and hamlets together with individual houses along the route taken by the lorry. During the four summer months a fortnightly collection is made from the few catering establishments in the districts and Trebursye Maternity Home. In the last few years the amount of refuse collected has increased considerably and I feel that the time has come when the general collection should be fortnightly instead of monthly.

HOUSING

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Total number of Council Houses                 | 85 |
| Council houses completed 1955                  | 4  |
| Council houses under construction 31.12.55     | 7  |
| Private enterprise houses completed 1955       | 2  |
| Private enterprise houses completed since 1945 | 43 |

HOUSING STATISTICS

|    |                                                                                                                  |     |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. | Inspection of dwellings during the year:-                                                                        |     |
|    | (a) No. of dwellings inspected for defects under Public Health Acts                                              | 58  |
|    | (b) Inspections for this purpose                                                                                 | 87  |
| 2. | (a) No. of dwellings inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations                               | 16  |
|    | (b) Inspections made for the purpose                                                                             | 19  |
| 3. | No. of dwellings found to be in a state dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation     | 6   |
| 4. | Dwelling houses (exclusive of those under preceding sub-heading) not in all respects suitably fit for habitation | 36  |
| 5. | Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices                                              | 25  |
| 6. | Action under Statutory Power during the year:-                                                                   |     |
|    | (a) Proceedings under Section 9,10,11 & 16 of the Housing Acts 1936:                                             |     |
|    | (i) Dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs                                    | 2   |
|    | (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-                                                                       |     |
|    | (i) Dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied                     | 4   |
|    | (ii) Dwelling houses rendered fit by owners                                                                      | 4   |
|    | By Local Authority                                                                                               | NIL |
| 7. | Proceedings under Secs.11 & 13 of Housing Act 1936:                                                              |     |
|    | (1) Dwelling houses represented under Section 11                                                                 | 2   |
|    | (2) Dwelling houses in respect of Demolition Order                                                               | NIL |
|    | (3) Dwelling houses demolished                                                                                   | NIL |
|    | (4) Dwelling houses rendered fit by owner                                                                        | NIL |
|    | (5) Dwelling houses where undertaking not to re-let was accepted from Owner                                      | 2   |
| 8. | Proceedings under Section 12 of Housing Acts 1936:                                                               |     |
|    | (1) Separate tenements or Underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made                         | NIL |
|    | (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined         | NIL |
| 9. | Proceedings under Section 25 & 26 of the Housing Act 1936:                                                       |     |
|    | (1) Number of houses dealt with under Section 25                                                                 | NIL |
|    | (2) Number of Clearance Orders made under Section 26                                                             | NIL |
|    | (3) Number of families living in Clearance Areas                                                                 | NIL |

### OVERCROWDING

Two cases of overcrowding were met with during the year.

### HOUSING ACT 1949. Section 20.

The Council is to be complimented on having refused no application providing the owner can and will carry out all the necessary improvements or unless the property cannot be brought to the required standard. In the latter case the Committee is seldom bothered with such applications as most owners are ready to accept official advice that a scheme would not attract a grant.

|                                                                  |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Total number of dwellings improved at 31.12.55                | 10     |
| 2. Applications received during 1955                             | 15     |
| 3. Applications approved during 1955                             | 14     |
| 4. Applications received but withdrawn after official inspection | 12     |
| 5. Houses improved in 1955                                       | 7      |
| 6. Total value of all grants offered                             | £5,181 |
| 7. Total value of grants offered in 1955                         | £3,189 |
| 8. Grants refused by Council in 1955                             | 1      |

### MILK

Two supplementary licences for the retail of Pasteurised Milk have been issued by the Council. The remainder of the milk sold is from producer-retailers the supervision of which is carried out by Ministry of Agriculture officials.

### ICE-CREAM

There is a model Ice-Cream Factory at Trebursye where conditions are satisfactory. There are 10 retailers of pre-packed ice-cream.

### FOOD PREMISES

There are in the district:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Catering establishments | 13  |
| Butcher's Shops         | 10  |
| Grocer's Shops          | 27  |
| Bakeries                | NIL |

In almost all cases the catering establishments are small and nearly all the grocer's shops are small and combined village stores.

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Visits paid to food premises   | 116 |
| Informal notices served        | 3   |
| Informal notices complied with | 3   |

## MEAT INSPECTION

There are eight private slaughter-houses licensed by the Council. At three of these slaughter-houses wholesale businesses are being conducted and the meat exported to Smithfield and Plymouth. At these three slaughter-houses killing is taking place every day of the week except Friday. Killing also takes place on Sundays and evenings. Being single-handed and with two Rural Districts to serve, it is not possible to devote to meat inspection anything like the necessary amount of time. The impossibility of carrying out complete meat inspection in this district will be appreciated when it is realised that a complete round of the slaughter-houses is 47 miles, but even with one round all the meats would not be inspected as with three slaughter-houses one or two further visits including late in the evening would be necessary.

It was found necessary to condemn as diseased or otherwise unfit for the food of man the following:

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Bullock carcasses and offal | 6   |
| Hind Quarters of beef       | 2   |
| Fore Quarters of beef       | 5   |
| Sheep                       | 4   |
| Pigs                        | NIL |
| Pig's Heads                 | 10  |
| Diseased organs or parts    | 38  |
| Visits of inspection        | 274 |

## KNACKER'S YARD

There is one licensed Knacker's Yard where conditions are satisfactory.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The incidence of infectious disease was low, only twelve cases, including one of pulmonary tuberculosis, being notified during the year.

Smallpox. No case occurred during the year. 47 primary vaccinations and 3 re-vaccinations were carried out.

Diphtheria. No cases were notified during the year. 72 primary immunisations were completed, 68 of these children receiving the combined prophylactic against whooping cough and diphtheria.

Whooping Cough. Four cases occurred during the year.

Acute Poliomyelitis. No cases occurred during the year.

Dysentery. No case was notified during the year, but there can be no doubt that a percentage of the cases of mild diarrhoea which occur are, in fact, cases of Sonne dysentery. This condition causes little inconvenience to the person concerned, but may constitute a danger to the public if the individual is concerned with the handling of food or milk.

Food Poisoning. No cases were notified during 1955

Tuberculosis.

|                                   | <u>Males</u> |                | <u>Females</u> |                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                   | <u>Pul.</u>  | <u>No.Pul.</u> | <u>Pul.</u>    | <u>Non.Pul.</u> |
| Cases on Register 31.12.54        | 11           | 1              | 13             | 2               |
| No. of cases notified during year | 1            | -              | -              | -               |
| Cases restored                    | -            | -              | -              | -               |
| Inward Transfers                  | 4            | -              | 3              | -               |
| Cases Removed                     | 2            | -              | 1              | 1               |
| <hr/>                             |              |                |                |                 |
| Total on Register 31.12.55        | 14           | 1              | 15             | 1               |

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Regional Hospital Board is responsible for treatment of Tuberculosis patients and the County Council for the prevention of spread of the disease and aftercare of the patients.

Out-patients and contacts are seen by the Chest Physician (Dr. Mellor) at the Chest Clinic at Launceston Hospital. The County Council Tuberculosis Health

Visitor attends the Clinic, follows up the patients in their homes, traces contacts and sources of infection and thus acting as a most valuable and essential "liaison officer" between the curative and preventive services, bridges a most administrative alarming gap.

All susceptible contacts of known cases are offered B.C.G.Vaccination and most avail themselves of this method of protection.

The scheme for B.C.G.Vaccination of susceptible school-leavers was continued by the County Council during the year again with a good response.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

Classified list of Registered Factories as at 31.12.55

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Total number of Factories            | 16 |
| Total number of Factories with Power | 14 |

|                         | <u>Power</u> | <u>Non-power</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Agricultural Food Stuff | 2            | -                |
| Engineers               | 1            | -                |
| Stone Dressing          | 1            | -                |
| General Smithing        | -            | 1                |
| Motor Repairs           | 3            | -                |
| Concrete Block Making   | 1            | -                |
| Agricultural Implements | 2            | -                |
| Joinery                 | 1            | -                |
| Ice-Cream Factory       | 1            | -                |
| Saw Mills               | 1            | -                |
| Scrap Merchant          | -            | 1                |
| Poultry Appliances      | 1            | -                |

Total visits 19  
Formal Notices NIL  
Informal Notices 3

TABLE I

TUBERCULOSIS

Age and Sex Distribution of cases and Deaths - 1955

| <u>AGE GROUPS</u> | <u>New Cases</u> |          |              |          | <u>Deaths</u>    |          |              |          |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                   | <u>Pulmonary</u> |          | <u>Other</u> |          | <u>Pulmonary</u> |          | <u>Other</u> |          |
|                   | <u>M</u>         | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u>     | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u>         | <u>F</u> | <u>M</u>     | <u>F</u> |
| 0 -               | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 1 -               | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 5 -               | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 15 -              | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 20 -              | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 25 -              | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 35 -              | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 45 -              | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 55 -              | 1                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| 65 and over       | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |
| Age unknown       | -                | -        | -            | -        | -                | -        | -            | -        |

TABLE II

VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for previous years

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Estimated Population</u> | <u>Births</u> |                   | <u>Deaths</u>       |                              |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|             |                             | <u>No.</u>    | <u>Crude Rate</u> | <u>Under 1 year</u> | <u>All ages</u>              |                             |
|             |                             |               |                   | <u>No.</u>          | <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u> | <u>No. Crude Death Rate</u> |
| 1951        | 6,438                       | 89            | 13.82             | 5                   | 56.18                        | 99 15.37                    |
| 1952        | 6,470                       | 84            | 12.98             | 5                   | 59.52                        | 85 13.13                    |
| 1953        | 6,493                       | 85            | 13.10             | 2                   | 23.51                        | 76 11.70                    |
| 1954        | 6,480                       | 113           | 17.43             | 2                   | 17.7                         | 54 8.33                     |
| 1955        | 6,450                       | 87            | 13.49             | 1                   | 11.5                         | 79 12.24                    |

TABLE III

Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases  
(other than Tuberculosis)

|                   | <u>Jan.</u> | <u>Feb.</u> | <u>Mar.</u> | <u>Apr.</u> | <u>May</u> | <u>June</u> | <u>July</u> | <u>Aug.</u> | <u>Sept.</u> | <u>Oct.</u> | <u>Nov.</u> | <u>Dec.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Whooping Cough    | -           | -           | -           | 2           | 1          | 1           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 4            |
| Measles           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 3           | -           | 2           | 1            | -           | -           | -           | 6            |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -           | -           | 1           | -            | -           | -           | -           | 1            |
|                   | -           | -           | -           | 2           | 1          | 4           | -           | 3           | 1            | -           | -           | -           | 11           |

